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# Caledonian Mercury

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,  
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Tuesday September 3, 1723.

From the Evening Post, August 29.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France.

Paris, September 1.

**T**H E sudden Rise of Actions, which in 8 Days Time got up from 800 Livres to 1300, was occasion'd by the new Regulations made in the India Company, of which the Duke of Orleans is declared Governour, the Duke of Bourbon Vice-Governour, and the Comptroller General of the Finances President; we hear, besides that two Counsellors of State, and two Masters of Requests, will be appointed Inspectors, and a Secretary and under Secretary, Auditors of the Accompts; besides all these, there are to be 8 Syndics, 8 Directors, 8 Managers for the Farm of Tobacco, and 8 Merchants: Every one of these 32 Persons, must at their Admission deposit 50 Actions to the Company, which they shall not be allowed to take back for the Space of one Year. Every Year in the Month of March, there will be a General Assembly of the Company, at which all the Members will be admitted. In this Regulation, no Notice is taken of the Dividend of 150 Livres for each Action, tho' it is positively said, it has been so settled in Council; and that it will be publicly declared next Week.

On the 26 and 27 of last Month was brought to the Mint, 100000 Merks of Ingots of Silver, belonging to the Company.

The King has given the lower Apartment of the Superintendancy to the Duke of Bouillon, and the upper to the Duke of Berwick, who is dayly expected from his Estates in the Country.

Lisbon, July 29. Last Week the Lady of Don Alexis de Sousa de Meneses, Count de St. James, was brought to Bed of a Son, which is the 26th she has brought into the World; 17 whereof are living.

London, August 29. We are informed, that the Parliament of Ireland design to lay a Tax of a 100000 L. on the Roman Catholicks in that Kingdom.

This Day at Noon South Sea Stock was 107, 1 Quarter. Bank 121, 1 Quarter. India 131, 1 Half. African 11, one Half. York Buildings 10.

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*From the London Gazette, August 27.*

*Stockholm, August 7.* O. S. Last Week the Nobles deliberated upon the Sentence which has been pronounced on M. Daleen and Brotzonins. There were some who proposed that the Sentence might be mitigated, but the major Part maintain'd, That a Sentence given by a Commission of all the Estates of the Kingdom, and approv'd of by the States, ought to remain firm. That Matter is not quite finish'd; but in all Appearance, the Sentence of the Commission will be executed according to its Tenour. The States were this Day assembled, and have determined finally to elect but two Senators; The Nobility have constituted 12 Electors, who are obliged upon Oath to chuse other 50 Electors which they shall judge most proper for the Nomination of the two Senators to be elected: The 50 will be chosen to-morrow or next Day; and 'tis generally thought, the two new Senators will be the Marshal of the Diet Baron Lagerberg, and Governor Conrad Ridding.

*From the White-hall Evening Post, August 27.*

*Vienna, August 21.* The Prince of Modena set out Post for Prague on Wednesday last. A rich Bohemian Gown made here, was pack'd up and sent the 19th Instant to Prague, for the Coronation of the Empire. A Marriage is talked of between the Hereditary Prince of Lorain, and the eldest Caroline Arch-Duchess.

*Prague, August 26.* Another Imperial Courier is arrived here, with Dispatches from Cambray, and has brought News of the Death of Cardinal Du-Bois. The 28th Instant being the Birth Day of the Empress Regent, 'tis expected her Pregnancy will be then published. 'Tis now said, That the Emperor's Return to Vienna is fixed for the Month of October.

*Naples, August 10.* The two Sons of Prince Ragorski are arrived here, and have been very courteously received by the Vice-Roy, who sent his Coaches to meet and conduct them hither.

*Genoa, August 14.* We hear by a Ship from Ancona, that 18 Christian Slaves were landed there from on board a Veisel, in which they escaped from Constantinople. They it seems were sent to cut Wood, under a Guard of 6 Turks, which they killed, and afterwards got their Liberty.

*Petersburg, August 9.* The Duke of Holstein is not gone to Sweden as was reported. His Royal Highness was on Board the Russian Fleet, but is since returned by Sea to Cronslot.

'Tis assured, that the Court will shortly return to Moscow.

*Copenhagen, August 24.* We have certain Advice, that the Russian Fleet is returned to Cronslot; and that the Reason of its putting to Sea was only to exercise the Mariners on Board.

*Cambray, August 28.* We learn from Paris, that M. Fousea the Emperor's Minister, had signified the 24th Instant to the Duke of Orleans and the Count Morville, that he had heard with much Surprise, that the King had issued a Declaration against the India Company establish'd in the Austrian Netherlands. 'Tis added, That he had for Answer, That Representations had been made to the Emperor, that he was engaged by Treaties to oppose any such Commerce: That Nevertheless, his Imperial Majesty, without any Regard to the said Representations, had thought fit to grant a Charter in Favour thereof; that the most Christian King therefor thought the Emperor could not take amiss the Prohibition to his Subjects, not to have any Concern in the Company established at Ostend.

*Antwerp, August 30.* The Directors of our new Company have Notice, That on the 23d of September next, at 10 in the Morning; they will hold their first General Meeting at the Exchange of this City, into which will be admitted, only such as have 12 Actions or more.

*Hague, September 3.* On the 1st Instant, the States of Holland and West-Friseland re-assembled, and continue sitting.



*Paris, September 1st.* They write from Madrid, That Don Hyacinto Perez, having invented a Sort of Millstones for Mills, which will grind without Horses, three Times as much Corn in 24 Hours as the common Millstones; the King had granted him the Privilege of making them for 20 Years. 'Tis added, That his Catholic Majesty resolv'd to settle a Household for the Infant Don Carlos, as he had done for the Infant Don Ferdinand.

*From the Flying Post.*

*Hamburg, August 26* The Directors of the Emperor's East India Company are building several Ships here from 39 to 60 Guns; and four of them are ordered to be ready against next Spring.

*Hanover, August 14.* About the End of September, his Majesty intends to go for Ghor, in order to hunt the wild Boar.

*Bern, August 24.* They write from Florence, that Mr. Moleworth, the British Envoy, has obtained all that he desired in Favour of the English at Leghorn.

*Brussels, August 26.* Letters from Antwerp say, That the Actions of the New East India Company stand still at 14 per Cent. But that they flatter themselves they will rise considerably after the 1st Payment of the 1500,000 Florines, which is to be made in two Days Time.

*Hgue, Sept. 4.* They write from Dantzick, That in an Assembly of some of the Polish Lords, both Spiritual and Temporal, to consider of the present State of the Kingdom: The Bishop of Culm took upon him to make the following Speech.

We are continually debating about the Good of the Publick, and take all the Pains imaginable to confirm the Peace of the Kingdom, by seeking Ways and Means to pay our Troops, to discharge our Debts, to reconcile Animosities, and to prevent the breaking up of the Diets; but all those Efforts have been as ineffectual hitherto as all the Pains and Expence which the King has been at for many Years, to attain this End; so that as a true Patriot, I cannot help fearing that the Republick is on the very Brink of utter Ruin.

Some Advices from Constantinople say, the Turks are renewing their military Preparations; and that Prince Ragotzki has had a private Audience of the Grand Vizier. 'Tis said the Emperor intends to give his eldest Daughter the Archduchess Maria Theresia in Marriage to the Hereditary Prince of Lorain. There are no less than 12 Foreign Ministers at the Court of Hanover, viz. those of the Emperor, France, Spain, Prussia, Poland, Sweden, Sardinia, Holland, Parma, Modena, Cassel and Cologn.

*London, August 27.* The Duke of Grafton, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, having embarked on the 13th Instant at Holyhead about one o' Clock in the Morning arrived at Dublin about 4 the same Afternoon.

The South Sea Company will pay off all their Bonds exceeding 200*l.* at Michaelmas next which are not brought in before the 13th of September and continued with 40 per Cent.

The Quakers instead of the Oaths of Supremacy, Allegiance and Abjuration; are to make a solemn Affirmation and Declaration, pursuant to an Act passed the last Sessions for obliging all Persons above the Age of 18 Years to take the said Oaths, or in Default to register their Names.

*From the Flying Post, August 29.*

P. S. If neither Religion, nor Honour, nor nothing till the Parliament meet, can be of Force sufficient to prevail with a Noble young Hero, not to continue to insult our English B---ps (who, I think, wear no Swords) as he has most outrageously done over again, in his incomparable Paper of Monday the 19; pray let the known Inclination he has to sleep in a whole Skin, prevail with him, at least to forbear giving himself any Trouble about the Highland Samaritans; who, if I know them well (and Methinks I do a little) are generally reputed to differ from the Christians in no one Duty more, than in that of praying for their Enemies.

*Rome, August 14.* Wednesday last Cardinal Alexander Albani, who has been obliged to pawn his Plate for 7500 Crowns to pay his Debts, went to make a Visit to the Pretender and his Lady, who made him stay and sup: There were also present, the Cardinal Gualtieri, the Princess de Piombino, the Duke and

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Dutcheſs de Caſtel Samgro Caraccioli, the Dutcheſs of Soriano, and the Abbot Tanſin the French Miniſter: We hear, that the ſaid Cardinal Albani is to be made Legate of Onibria, to enable him to retrieve his Circumſtances.

*Florence, Auguſt 14.* Wednesday laſt being the Birth-day of the Eleſtreſs Dowager Palatine, who then entered the 57th Year of her Age; and this being the Birth-day of the Great Duke of Tuſcany, who now enters his 82d Year: The ſame have been obſerved with the uſual Ceremonies. His moſt Serene Highneſs has made Mr. Alondale, who is an Engliſhman, one of his Pages.

*From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Auguſt 29.*

*Moscow, July 31.* The Expreſſes from Aſtracan were ſome Time ago forbid to bring any other Letters from thence than thoſe for his Czariſh Majeſty; but now that Prohibition is taken off, and Communication by Letters is again open; the Czar having been pleaſed to permit the ſame, and alſo, that the News from Aſtracan and the Perſian Frontiers, ſhould be Printed and publiſhed here once a Week by way of Journal. Money has been convey'd in Waggonſ to Veronitz, to be ſent down the Volga to Aſtracan, in order to pay the Garrifons of that Place and Derbent, and the Troops encamped in thoſe Parts. Ten thouſand more Troops are ordered to march from Siberia to Georgia; and that there may be no Want of Proviſions in their Paſſage over the Mountains, a great Quantity of Biſcuit is ordered to be baked and carried by Horſes for the Uſe of the Troops. Notwithſtanding the late ſevere Executions that have been done upon the condemned Robbers and Highwaymen, 'tis not perceiv'd that their Number is diminiſhed in the leaſt: They make Inroads at preſent even to the very Suburbs of this City.

*Naples, Auguſt 10.* A Report is ſpread, That the Cardinal Viceroy makes ſtrict Enquiry into ſome Convents of this Kingdom, to diſcover ſuch of the Religious as foment the Diſcontents of the People againſt the preſent Government. Several Merchants of this City, who were intereſted in the new Company eſta bliſhed at Trielte, have demanded the Repayment of the Sums which they had advanced, having no Hopes of ever making any Profit of the Merchandice which that Company ſends to Portugal.

Mr. Vincenti, the Pope's Nuncio, died here the 5th Inſtant of a Dropſy, aged 51 Years: He had 3000 Crowns *per Annum* in Benefices in this Kingdom.

The Prince d'Avelia Caraffa, and the Duke de Calabito, are alſo dead here in a very advanc'd Age: The Former left only a Natural Son, who having been Legitimate by the Empreſs's Conſent, inherits all his Effects, &c. and will bear the Title of Count Caraffa Chinfano. The Other married after he had quitted the Habit of a Jeſuite, but left no Children.

*Paris, Auguſt 29.* The King has given the Conſiſcation of the Goods of Mr. Talbot, to Mr. Talbot his Brother, Mr. Beſe, his Father in law, reſuſing to accept of them.

People are now not ſo much ſurprized that the Actions have riſen from 800 Livres to 1300 in 8 Days Time; becauſe, thoſe who had the beſt Purſes having taken conſiderable Engagements, ſome of them are run away with the Premiums they had received.

*London, Auguſt 29.* The Marſhal's Court has made an Order, That no Perſon arreſted by their Officers for a Sum not exceeding 40 Shillings, ſhall be held to Special Bail: Which Order has been affixed in ſeveral Places by Order of the ſaid Court.

We hear from Hanover, That the Counteſs of Arlington's Son is arrived from Leyden, and that he has been created a Count by the Emperor.

Yeſterday a Servant of the Swediſh Envoy ſet out for Bath, and ſo for Briſtol, to prepare Apartments at each of theſe Places for his Maſter, who is repairing thither for the Recovery of his Health.

The Solicitor General is removed from his Chambers in the Temple, to thoſe next Door to the Attorney General's in Lincoln's Inn Square.

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The Right Honourable the Earl of Essex is so well recovered of his Illness; that he is coming to Cashiobury from Bristol.

The Right Honourable the Lord Londonderry, Colonel of one of the 4 Regiments of Horse on the English Establishment, is set out to view the several Troops of the same.

We hear that the Right Honourable the Lord Onslow was unhappily shot this Morning near Guilford, as he was riding out, by a certain Country Fellow, who had conceived a Spite against him for having been sent by his Lordship for a Soldier. The Fellow was immediately seiz'd, not endeavouring in the least to make his Escape.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London August 29.*

Letters from Hamburg advise, that on the 23 Instant, an Express from Stockholm passed through that Place on his Way to Hanover, and delivered at the same time Letters to several Ministers there importing that the Czar had dispatched Orders by a Frigate from his Fleet, which was then off Revel, to his Minister at Stockholm, to declare to his Swedish Majesty, that the Czar had thought fit to put to Sea only with part of his Fleet, in order to exercise the Seamen and Officers, that they may the better know how to do their Duty on all Occasions: That that Expedition was no way intended to prejudice the Powers concern'd in the Baltick Trade. Count Galoskin, the Russian Ambassador at Berlin, has explain'd himself to the Ministers of that Court upon the same Head, in the following Manner, viz. 'That the Czar his Master, came out with his Fleet, with no other View, than to see himself, not only in what Condition these Ships are in,; but also to examine narrowly into the Management of the commanding Officers and Seamen; adding, that tho' some Princes had been pressing to make his Majesty employ his Fleet to their Assistance, yet he could assure them in the Name of his Master, that the Czar has the present Tranquillity of the North much more at Heart, than to undertake any Thing in Favour of these Princes, being sensible that it could not but be attended with new Troubles and Commotions.

We cannot but hope from those Assurances of having the Peace of the North entirely preserved: The good Prospect hereof has given Life to our publick Credit, and caused the Stocks to rise considerably; but Yesterday they fell particularly S. S. to 107 per Cent. which 2 or 3 Days before sold for 110.

Yesterday the Case of Mr. Edmondson (one of the late Directors) which has been Matter of great Expedition, and afforded much Discourse, came under the Examination of the Grand Jury at Old-baillie. It was to this Effect, viz. Mr. Crell a Broker, having sold to one Mr. Edlyn 1000 L. in the 2d Subscription for 5000 L. on Mr. Edmondson's Account, and no Notice being taken of it in the Inventory, which the said Mr. Edmondson delivered to the Barons of Exchequer, was ordered to be committed for Concealment, which according to a late Act of Parliament is made Felony: But the Mother of Mr. Edmondson swore positively, that the 1000 L. was on her Account, and it being sold for 5000 L. she took her Son by the Hand, and afterwards kissed him, saying it was the first Money she ever got by any Contract. Mr. Crell also swore, Mr. Edmondson told him, it was for a Friend of his, but bid him set it down to his Account. Hereupon the Grand Jury found the Bill Ignoramus.

The Trial of those Persons charged with the Riot at Cripplegate, is deferred till next Sessions, by or before which Time the 2 new Sheriffs will enter upon their Office.

Notwithstanding the Author of the True Briton is said to have so many Admirers, there are several Pens at Work against him, particularly the Flying Post, Pasquin, and that called the Briton, in which Papers of this Week, he is charged with endeavouring every Day to ridicule the most sacred Things oppositely treating the Learnedest, the best natured and most modest Body of Spiritual Lords that ever any Nation was blessed with, defaming the principal Ministers of State, reflecting on the Legislature for passing the late Act against Papists, and lastly, that he is a Ringleader of the Jacobites, and even to this Day wears a Ring, in which is the Pretender's Image.

The Publisher of the True Briton is again taken into Custody of Mr. Davis the Messenger, for that Paper of the 19th Instant, what will be the Fate of the Author, we leave to the Consideration of the Parliament which we have the Happiness to say acts with the strictest Justice and Impartiality, notwithstanding the Suggestions to the contrary by the Enemies to the Government.

Yesterday the Right Honourable the Lord Onslow, as he returned from Fox Hunting, was shot in the Shoulder by a Person that was immediately seized and put in Irons in Guilford Goal.

The Duke of Bolton's Regiment of Horse quartered about Winchester we hear will be this Week reviewed by the Earl of Cadogan and Lord Carpenter.

## ADVERTISEMENT

**T**Hese are to give Notice, That the House which be-  
long'd to the Deceast *James Hog*, late Baillie of  
*Dalkeith*, with the hail Apartment and Conveni-  
encies thereto belonging, as the same were posselt by  
the said Defunct himself, are to be set for one Year or  
more, any who has amind to be Tacksman thereof, may  
see the said Conveniencies, and be spoke with by *James  
Hog* Son to the Defunct, at the said House, lying in the  
*West Wynd of Dalkeith*, at the Sign of the Half-Moon.

\*<sup>1</sup> Lost upon the 19th Instant, betwixt *Pittenweem* and *Colinsbrough*, in the  
Shire of *Fife*, a large Silver hilted Sword, pretty long Blaid, with a broad Shoul-  
der, a steel Hook, Silver Crampet, and slip Scabbard, whoever can give Notice  
thereof to the Author of this Paper, or to *Alexander Pock*, Merchant in *Pettin-  
weem*, Mr. *Colin Bennet* in *Colinsbrough*, or give Information so as it may be got  
back, shall have half a Guinea Reward, without asking Questions.

**T**HERE is a Piece of Silver Plate, 25 Pound Sterling value, set out by Seve-  
ral Noblemen and Gentlemen, to be Run for at Peebles on the usual Ground, upon  
the first Wednesday of October next, being the 2d Day of that Month, by any Horse,  
Mare or Gelding, each of them to carry eight Scots Stone Trois Weight, allowing Whip,  
Saddle and Bridle to be Part of the Weight: The best in three Heats, each Heat thrice  
round.

The Horses which are to run for this Plate being three at least, belonging to several Ow-  
ners, must be at Peebles ten Days before the Race, and to be entered there by the Town-  
Clerk, fortyeight Hours before the Course, and the Inputs to be 6 Guineas amongst them.  
No Crossing nor Jostling to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by the Judges  
appointed by the Gentlemen Subscribers for the said Plate.

The Distance Post is to be ten Score Yards from the starting Post.

The Rider after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himself, and carry it with him the  
Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing, a Pound for waste.

Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for rubbing.

If any single Horse, Mare or Gelding wins the first two Heats, and if they are challenged  
by any of the rest who saved their Distance, they are obliged to run again; and if they save  
their own Distance they win the Race, if distanced they lose it.

If three single Horses win each of them a Heat, the Horse that wins the last Heat wins  
the Plate.

If any Horse, Mare or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, they are to  
run back the same Way and run right, or else they are to be adjudged as distanced.

This Plate being lately advertised to be on the last Wednesday of August; and  
the Time being too short for Gentlemen and Horses to be ready against that Day  
it was thought proper to alter the Course to the first Wednesday of October next.

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